

Appln. No. 10/623,253
Amendment dated January 19, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 3, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The November 3, 2005 Final Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Inasmuch as the present Amendment raises no new issues for consideration, and, in any event, places the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for consideration on appeal, its entry under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 are respectfully requested.

INTERVIEW

The courtesy of Examiner Lee in granting an interview in connection with this application on December 12, 2005 is acknowledged and appreciated. Prior to the interview, Applicants' attorney, Robert Michal, transmitted proposed amended claims to the Examiner for his consideration. During the interview, the present claimed invention as defined by the amended claims was discussed in relation to the cited prior art.

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The Examiner advised Applicants' attorney that the proposed claim amendments, if entered, overcome the prior art of record. The Examiner also advised that it appears that the claim amendments might raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The claims are amended herein in accordance with the interview conducted with the Examiner.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In the Office Action claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 2,351,329 (Gerstenmaier et al.), USP 5,955,017 (Foffano et al.) and USP 2,976,573 (Davis).

The present claimed invention as defined by independent claims 1 and 2 is amended to recite that the molded product is a weather strip for an automobile, that the thin part is embedded in the molded body and further comprises a groove which is formed at a position where the moving part existed and is present at a non-front side surface which is not seen from outside. The foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 2 correspond to the amendments discussed with the Examiner during the December 14, 2005 telephonic interview. As mentioned above, during the interview the Examiner acknowledged that if the claim amendments were entered, they would define the invention over the art of record.

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The present claimed invention as defined by claims 1 and 2 is patentable over the references of record because the references do not disclose, teach or suggest a molded product of a weather strip for an automobile formed by placing an insert in a molding space by an upper die and a lower die, followed by an injection process of molding material to form a molded body wherein:

(1) the removing part is projected to expose at a non-front sided surface which is not seen from outside;

(2) the thin part, cutting line, or cutting ditch is embedded in the molded body at the position where the removing part existed; and

(3) the groove is formed after removing the removing part from the insert body by cutting the thin part after being released from the die mold, and is present at the non-front side surface which is not seen from outside.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the cited references under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

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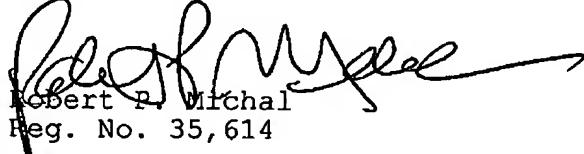
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If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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